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His Grace the Duke of Leeds

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ANNE, By the Grace of GOD,

Of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting: As the Welfare and Support of the Church of England, as by Law Established, have been always Our greatest Care, so We have since Our Accession to the Crown frequently reflected on the miserable Condition of a very great Number of the Clergy of this Our Kingdom, by reason of the mean and insufficient Provision for their Maintenance in several Places, which tends very much to the Ruine of this Church; And in regard that the Arrears of Tenths due to Our Exchequer, upon small Rectories and Vicarages, could not be answered without great Difficulties and Hardships to the poor Incumbents, and that several of those Churches (for fear of incurring the full Payment of such Arrears) were held in Sequestration by Temporary Curates, without being regularly filled with Institution and Induction; We were resolved to do as much as in Us lay, towards easing of the Clergy, and were graciously inclined to think, That the Ministers who served those Cures might, in respect of their Poverty, be true Objects of Our Royal Compassion; and that it would tend to the Honor and good Discipline of the Established Church, if those Benefices were filled with able Clerks, legally instituted and inducted: And to the charitable Purpose aforesaid, We signed a Warrant to authorize Our Lord High-Treasurer to discharge the Arrears of Tenths due upon the small Rectories and Vicarages, not exceeding Thirty Pounds per Annum by the most improved Valuations of the same, on Condition that the respective Churches were first filled with Institution and Induction; And Our Lord High-Treasurer signified Our said Bountiful Intention by Letters directed to Our Archbishops and Bishops accordingly: And in order to settle a Fond for increasing the Maintenances of the Poor Clergy, We commanded Our Right Trusty and Welbeloved Counsellor Sir Charles Hedges Knight, one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, to deliver a Message in Writing, signed by Us, to Our most Dutiful and Loyal Commons of England in Parliament Assembled, declaring, That We having taken into Our Serious Consideration, the mean and insufficient Maintenance belonging to the Poor Clergy in divers Parts of this Kingdom, To give them some Ease, had been pleased to remit the Arrears of the Tenths to the Poor Clergy; And that for Augmentation of their Maintenance, We would make a Grant of Our whole Revenue arising out of First-Fruits and Tenths, as far as it then was or should become free from Incumbrances, to be applied to this purpose: And if the House of Commons could find any proper Method by which Our Good Intentions to the Poor Clergy might be made more effectual, it would be a great Advantage to the Publick, and very acceptable to Us. And whereas by an Act of Par-

Her Majesty reflecting on the mean Condition of a great Number of the Clergy, discharges the Arrears of Tenths due on small Livings not exceeding 30 *l. per Annum.*

Her Majesties Message to the Commons, signifying, She was pleased to remit the Arrears of Tenths, and would make a Grant of Her Revenue of First-Fruits and Tenths for an Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy.

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An Act to Enable Her Majesty to Grant in perpetuity the Revenues of First-Fruits and Tenths, and to enable any person to make Grants.

liament made in the Second Year of Our Reign, intituled, An Act for the making more Effectual Her Majesties Gracious Intentions for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, by Enabling Her Majesty to Grant in Perpetuity the Revenues of the First-Fruits and Tenths; And also for Enabling any other Persons to make Grants for the same Purpose; Reciting, That whereas at a Parliament holden in the Six and twentieth Year of the Reign of King Henry the Eighth, the First-Fruits, Revenues and Profits for one Year, upon every Nomination or Appointment to any Dignity, Benefice, Office or Promotion-Spiritual, within this Realm, or elsewhere within the said Kings Dominions; And also a perpetual Yearly Rent or Pension, amounting to the Value of the Tenth Part of all the Revenues and Profits belonging to any Dignity, Benefice or Promotion-Spiritual whatsoever, within any Diocese of this Realm, or in Wales, were granted to the said King Henry the Eighth, his Heirs and Successors, and divers other Statutes have since been made touching the First-Fruits, and Annual Tenths of the Clergy, and the Ordering thereof. And whereas a sufficient Settled Provision for the Clergy, in many Parts of this Realm, hath never yet been made, by Reason whereof divers Mean and Stipendary Preachers are in many places Entertained, to serve the Cures and Officiate there; who depending for their necessary Maintenance upon the Good-will and liking of their Hearers, have been, and are thereby under Temptation of too much Complying, and Suiting their Doctrines and Teachings to the Humors, rather than the good of their Hearers, which hath been a great occasion of Faction, and Schism, and Contempt of the Ministry: And further mentioning, That forasmuch as We taking into Our Princely and Serious Consideration, the mean and insufficient Maintenance belonging to the Clergy, in divers Parts of this Our Kingdom, have been most Graciously Pleased, out of Our most Religious, and tender Concern for the Church of England, (whereof Our Self is the only Supreme Head on Earth) and for the Poor Clergy thereof, not only to remit the Arrears of Our Tenths due from Our Poor Clergy, but also to Declare unto Our most Dutiful and Loyal Commons, Our Royal Pleasure and Pious Desire, That the whole Revenue arising from the First-Fruits and Tenths of the Clergy, might be settled for a perpetual Augmentation of the Maintenance of the said Poor Clergy, in places where the same is not already sufficiently provided for (to the end that Our most Gracious Intentions may be made Effectual, and that the Church may receive so great and lasting an Advantage from Our parting with so great a Branch of Our Revenue, towards the better Provision for the Clergy, not sufficiently provided for; And to the intent our singular Zeal for the Support of the Clergy, and the Honor, Interest and future Security of the Church, as by Law Established, may be perpetuated to all Ages;) It is Enacted, That it shall and may be Lawful for Us, by Our Letters-Patents under the Great-Seal of England, to Incorporate such Persons as We shall therein Nominate or Appoint, to be one Body-Politick and Corporate, to have a Common-Seal, and Perpetual Succession; And also at Our Will and Pleasure by the same, or any other Letters-Patents, to Grant, Limit or Settle to, or upon the said Corporation, and their Successors for ever, All the Revenue of First-Fruits, and yearly perpetual Tenths of all Dignities, Offices, Benefices and Promotions-Spiritual whatsoever, to be applied and disposed of, to and for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of such Parsons, Vicars, Curates and Ministers, Officiating in any Church or Chapel within the Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, where the Liturgy and Rites of the Church of England, as now by Law Established, are or shall be Used and Observed, with such Lawful Powers, Authorities, Directions, Limitations and Appointments, and under such Rules and Restrictions, and in such Manner and Form as shall be therein-expressed: The Statute made in the first Year of Our Reign, Intituled, [An Act for the better Support of Her Majesties Houshold, and of the Honor and Dignity of the Crown] or any other Law to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Provided always, and it is thereby Declared, That all and every the Statutes and Provisions, touching or concerning the Ordering, Levying, and true Answering and Payment, or Qualification of the said First-Fruits and Tenths, or touching the Charge, Discharge or Alteration of them, or any of them, or any matter or thing relating thereunto, which were in force at the time

Settled Provision not being made, a Temptation to Preachers.

Queen may Incorporate Persons, and Grant to them her Revenue of First-Fruits for ever, to be Applied to the use of the Poor Clergy.

The Statutes concerning First-Fruits to remain in force.

time of making the said Act, shall be, remain and continue in their full Force and Effect, and be observed and put in due Execution according to the Tenors and Purports of the same, and every of them; for such Intents and Purposes nevertheless as shall be Contained or Directed in or by the said Letters-Patents. Provided also, That the said Act, or any thing therein-contained, should not extend to avoid, or any way impeach, or affect any Grant, Exchange, Alienation or Incumbrance at any time heretofore made, of or upon the said Revenues of First-Fruits and Tenths, or any part thereof, but that the same shall, during the continuance of such Grant, Exchange, Alienation or Incumbrance respectively, be and remain, of, and in such Force and Virtue, and no other, to all Intents and Purposes as if the said Act had not been made. And for the Incouragement of such well-disposed Persons, as shall by Our Royal Example, be moved to Contribute to so Pious and Charitable a Purpose, and that such their Charity may be rightly Applied, It is Enacted, That all and every person and persons, having in his or their own Right, any Estate or Interest in Possession, Reversion or Contingency, of or in any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, or any property of or in any Goods or Chattels, shall have full Power, Licence and Authority, at his, her and their Will and Pleasure, by Deed inrolled in such manner, and within such time as is directed by the Statute made in the Twenty seventh year of the Reign of King Henry the Eighth, for Inrolment of Bargains and Sales, or by his, her, or their Last-Will or Testament in writing, duly executed according to Law, to Give and Grant to, and Vest in the said Corporation and their Successors, all such his, her or their Estate, Interest or Property in such Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels, or any part or parts thereof, for and towards the Augmentation of the Maintenance of such Ministers, as aforesaid, Officiating in such Church or Chapel where the Liturgy and Rites of the said Church are, or shall be so used or observed, as aforesaid, and having no settled competent Provision belonging to the same, and to be for that purpose applied according to the Will of the said Benefactor, in and by such Deed inrolled, or by such Will or Testament executed, as aforesaid expressed; And in default of such Direction, Limitation or Appointment in such manner, as by Our Letters-Patents shall be directed or appointed, as aforesaid; And such Corporation, and their Successors, shall have full Capacity and Ability to purchase, receive, take, hold, and enjoy for the purposes aforesaid, as well from such Persons as shall be so charitably disposed to give the same, as from all other persons as shall be willing to Sell or Alien to the said Corporation, any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Goods or Chattels, without any Licence or Writ of Ad quod Damnum; The Statute of Mortmain, or any other Statute or Law to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided always, That the said Act, or any thing therein-contained, should not extend to enable any person or persons being within Age, or of non sane memory, or Women-Covert, without their Husbands, to make any such Gift, Grant or Alienation; Any thing in the said Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding, as in, and by the said Act of Parliament may more at large appear. Now know ye, That We, to the end Our said Gracious Intentions may be made Effectual, and that the Church may receive a Great and Lasting Advantage from Our parting with Our said Revenue of First-Fruits and Tenths, towards the better Provision for the Clergy not sufficiently provided for, and pursuant to the said Act of Parliament, of Our especial Grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, have Made, Appointed, Nominated, Constituted and Established, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do Make, Appoint, Nominate, Constitute and Establish, Our Most Dear Consort Prince George of Denmark, Our High-Admiral and Generalissimo of all Our Forces; The Most Reverend Father in God Our Right Trusty, and Right Entirely Beloved Counsellor Thomas Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being; Our Right Trusty and Welbeloved Counsellor Sir Nathan Wright Kt. Keeper of Our Great-Seal of England; The most Reverend Father in God, Our Right Trusty and Welbeloved John Archbishop of York, and the Archbishop of York for the time being; Our Right Trusty and Welbeloved Counsellor Sidney Lord Godolphin, Our High-Treasurer of England; Our Right Trusty and Right Welbeloved Cousin and Counsellor Thomas Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, Our President of Our Council;

Not to impeach any Grant heretofore made.

All persons may Grant to the Corporation any Estate real or personal, to the use of the Poor Clergy.

The Corporation may purchase, and receive without Licence.

Not to enable persons of *non sane* memory, &c. to Grant.

Names of the Commissioners incorporated.

Council; Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Cousin and Counsellor John Duke of Normanby and Buckingham, Our Keeper of Our Privy-Seal; Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Cousins and Counsellors William Duke of Devonshire, Our Steward of Our Houshold; Charles Duke of Somerset, Our Master of Our Horse; James Duke of Ormond, Our Lieutenant-General, and General-Governor of Our Kingdom of Ireland; Charles Duke of Bolton, Mainhardt Duke of Schonberg, Thomas Duke of Leeds, John Duke of Marlborough, Our Captain-General of all and singular Our Forces, and Master-General of Our Ordnance; Our Right Trusty and Right Welbeloved Cousins and Counsellors Robert Earl of Lindsey, Our Great-Chamberlain of England; Charles Earl of Carlile, Earl-Marshal of England, during the Minority of the Duke of Norfolk; Henry Earl of Kent, Our Chamberlain of Our Houshold; Charles Earl of Dorset and Middlesex, George Earl of Northampton, Charles Earl of Manchester, Thomas Earl of Stamford, Thomas Earl of Thanet, Charles Bodvile Earl of Radnor, Charles Earl of Berkley, Daniel Earl of Nottingham, Laurence Earl of Rochester, Montagu Earl of Abingdon, Our Constable of the Tower of London; Ralph Earl Montagu, Richard Earl of Scarbrough, Francis Earl of Bradford, Treasurer of Our Houshold; Edward Earl of Jersey, Richard Earl of Ranelaugh in Our Kingdom of Ireland; Our Right Trusty and Welbeloved Cousin and Counsellor Thomas Lord Viscount Weymouth; The Right Reverend Father in God, Our Right Trusty and Welbeloved Counsellor Henry Bishop of London, and the Bishop of London for the time being; Our Right Trusty and Welbeloved Counsellors Robert Lord Ferrers, Thomas Lord Wharton, John Lord Pawlett, Robert Lord Lexington, William Lord Dartmouth, John Lord Granville, Heneage Lord Guernsey, John Lord Gower, Thomas Lord Coningsby of the Kingdom of Ireland, Robert Harley Esq; Speaker of the House of Commons, and one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and the Speaker of the House of Commons, for the time being; Peregrine Bertie Esq; Our Vice-Chamberlain of Our Houshold; Henry Boyle Esq; Chancellor and Under-Treasurer of Our Exchequer; Thomas Mansell Esq; Comptroller of Our Houshold; Sir Charles Hedges Kt. one of Our Principal Secretaries of State; Sir John Holt Kt. Chief-Justice of Our Court of Queens-Bench; Sir John Trevor Kt. Master of the Rolls, and the Master of the Rolls for the time being; Sir Thomas Trevor Kt. Chief-Justice of Our Court of Common-Pleas; Sir George Rook Kt. Vice-Admiral of England; Sir Edward Seymour Baronet, James Vernon Esq; John Smith Esq; and John How Esq; and all and every the Privy-Counsellors of Us, Our Heirs and Successors for the time being; All and every the Lieutenants of, in, and for the several Counties within Our Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales, now and for the time being; All and every the Custodes Rotulorum for the several Counties within Our Kingdom of England; The Reverend Fathers in God Nathaniel Bishop of Durham, Peter Bishop of Winchester, William Bishop of Landaff, William Bishop of Worcester, Thomas Bishop of Rochester, Jonathan Bishop of Exeter, Gilbert Bishop of Sarum, Humphrey Bishop of Hereford, Nicholas Bishop of Chester, Simon Bishop of Ely, John Bishop of Litchfield and Coventry, John Bishop of Norwich, Richard Bishop of Peterborough, Edward Bishop of Gloucester, John Bishop of Bristol, James Bishop of Lincoln, John Bishop of Chichester, William Bishop of Oxford, John Bishop of Bangor, William Bishop of Carlisle, George Bishop of Bath and Wells, William Bishop of St. Asaph, and all and every the Bishops of the several Dioceses aforesaid for the time being; and the Bishop of St. Davids for the time being; the Deans of the several Cathedral-Churches within Our Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales, now and for the time being; Our Trusty and Welbeloved Sir Littleton Powis, Sir Henry Gold and Sir John Powell, Knights, Justices of Our Court of Queens-Bench, and the Chief-Justice, and other the Justices of the Court of Queens-Bench for the time being; Our Trusty and Welbeloved Sir Edward Nevill, Sir John Bendoe Knights, and Robert Tracy Esq; Justices of Our Court of Common-Pleas, and the Chief-Justice and other the Justices of the Court of Common-Pleas for the time being; Our Trusty and Welbeloved Sir Edward Ward Kt. Chief-Baron of our Court of Exchequer, Sir Thomas Bury Kt. Robert Price Esq; and John Smith Esq; other the Barons of Our Court of Exchequer, and the Chief-Baron, and other the Barons of the Court of Exchequer for the time being; Our Trusty and Welbeloved Sir Thomas Powis,

wis Kt. Sir Salathiel Lovell Kt. Our Serjeants at Law, Sir Edward Northey Kt. Our Attorney-General, Sir Simon Harcourt Kt. Our Solicitor-General, and the Serjeants at Law, Attorney-General, and Solicitor-General of Us, Our Heirs and Successors for the time being; Sir John Cooke Kt. Doctor of Laws, Our Advocate-General, and the Advocate-General to Us, Our Heirs and Successors for the time being; the Chancellors, and Vice-Chancellors of the Two Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, now and for the time being; Our Trusty and Welbeloved Sir John Parsons Kt. Mayor of Our City of London, and the Mayor of the City of London for the time being; all and every the Aldermen of the City of London, now and for the time being; the Mayor of the City of York for the time being; and all and every the Mayors of the respective Cities within Our Kingdom of England, now and for the time being; to be One Body-Politick and Corporate of themselves, in Deed, and in Name, by the Name of The Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy; And them One Body-Politick and Corporate, in Deed, and in Name, by the Name of The Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, We do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors make, create, erect, establish and confirm, for ever by these Presents; And by the same Name, they and their Successors shall have perpetual Succession, and shall and may have and use a Common-Seal for the Business and Affairs of the said Body-Politick and Corporate, and of their Successors, with Power to break, alter and make new their Seal from time to time at their pleasure, or as they shall see Cause; And by the same Name they and their Successors shall be able and capable in Law to purchase, receive, take, hold and enjoy, for the Purposes herein-mentioned, as well from such Person and Persons who shall be so charitably disposed to give, (as from all other Persons who shall be willing to Sell, Alien or Assign) to the said Corporation hereby Constituted, any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels or Possessions whatsoever, of what Nature or Quality soever: And further, by the same Name of The Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, They and their Successors shall and may sue and implead, and be sued and impleaded, answer and defend, and be answered and defended in Courts of Record, or any other Place whatsoever, and before whatsoever Judges, Justices, Officers and Ministers of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and in all and singular Pleas, Actions, Suits, Causes and Demands whatsoever, of what Nature or Kind soever, in as ample and beneficial Manner and Form, as any other Body-Politick and Corporate, or any other the Liege-People of England, being Persons able and capable in Law, may or can have, take, receive, hold, keep, possess, enjoy, sue, implead, defend or answer, or be sued, impleaded, defended or answered in any manner of wise, and shall and may do and execute all and singular other Matters and Things by the Name aforesaid, that to them shall or may appertain to do by virtue of the said Act, or of these Presents, or otherwise. And for the Ends and Purposes before-expressed, and pursuant to and by virtue of the said Act of Parliament, We have Given and Granted, and by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do Give and Grant unto the said Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, hereby Constituted, and their Successors, All the Revenues of First-Fruits and Yearly Perpetual Tenths of all Dignities, Offices, Benefices and Promotions-Spiritual whatsoever, payable to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by virtue of the said Act of Parliament made in the Six and twentieth Year of the Reign of King Henry the Eighth, or by virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the First Year of the Reign of the late Queen Elizabeth, for Restitution of First-Fruits and Tenths to the Crown, or by virtue of any other Act or Acts of Parliament whatsoever, and all Arrears of the said First-Fruits and Tenths now due and undischarged (other than the Arrears of the Tenths due upon the small Rectories and Vicarages, under the yearly value of Thirty Pounds per Annum

Name of the Corporation.

To have perpetual Succession, and a Common Seal.

By the same Name to Purchase and receive any Real or Personal Estate.

May sue and be sued.

Her Majesties Grants to the Corporation and Successors, All Her Revenue of First-Fruits and Tenths, to the use of the Poor Clergy.

Annum, by Us, as aforesaid, directed to be Discharged) to be applied and disposed of by the said Governors hereby Constituted, to and for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of such Parsons, Vicars, Curates and Ministers Officiating in any Church or Chapel within the Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, where the Liturgy and Rites of the Church of England, as now by Law Established, are or shall be used and observed, under such Rules, Restrictions and Directions, and in such manner and form, as shall be Established pursuant to these Presents: And for the better Ordering, Managing and Directing the Affairs of the said Corporation, We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Grant unto the said Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, and their Successors, and We do hereby Ordain, Will and Appoint, That as soon as conveniently may be, after the Date of these Presents, all and every the Persons herein before Named and Constituted Governors, as aforesaid, do assemble and meet together in the Room commonly called The Princes Chamber, adjoyning to the House of Lords, or some other convenient Place within Our Cities of London or Westminster, or the Suburbs thereof, as shall in that behalf be appointed by any Seven or more of the Governors hereby Constituted (whereof We will that any One of the Privy-Council of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, and any One of the Bishops aforesaid, or any One of the Judges of any the Courts at Westminster, or of the said Councel Learned in the Law, of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, shall be Three) to Treat and Consult concerning the Business and Affairs of the said Corporation, and the good Rule and Government thereof, and the faithful Distribution of Our Royal Bounty aforesaid. And We do further by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Will, Authorize, Require and Command, the said Governors and their Successors, from time to time, to Summon, Appoint, Hold and Keep, four General-Courts at least in every Year, at any convenient Place or Places aforesaid (notice being in that behalf first given by inserting the same in the Gazette, or otherwise, Fourteen days before the holding of every such General-Court;) One of the said Four General-Courts to be held and kept in the Month of December; Another in the Month of March; Another in the Month of June, And another in the Month of September. And We do also Will, and by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do Grant and Ordain, that all the said Governors for the time being, or so many of them, as shall at any time or times be Assembled and Met together, as aforesaid (being not less than Seven in Number at one Meeting, or Assembly in such General-Court (of whom any One of the Privy-Council of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, and any One of the Bishops aforesaid, and any One of the Judges aforesaid, for the time being, or of the said Councel Learned in the Law, of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, We will shall be always Three) shall be, and be called a General-Court of the said Corporation; And that in such General-Courts, the said Governors and their Successors, shall and may do and dispatch by Majority of Votes, any Business relating to the Government and Affairs of the said Corporation; And also Hear, Debate and Determine any Complaint or Matter that shall be brought or exhibited in the said Court, touching the Affairs of the said Corporation, and shall and may call to their Aid and Assistance, such Persons as the said General-Court, or the major part of them Assembled, as aforesaid, shall think fit, to Aid, Assist and Advise the said Governors hereby Constituted, and their Successors, in the due and effectual Execution of the Powers and Authorities hereby Granted. And for the better Ordering and Managing the Affairs of the said Corporation, We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Grant, Authorize and Appoint, That the Governors of the said Corporation hereby Constituted, and for the time being, or any Seven or more of them (of whom Three or more to be such, as aforesaid) shall and may from time to time, as often as they shall think fit, Erect, Nominate and Appoint; such and so many of the Governors of the said Corporation for the time being, as they shall judge expedient, to be Committees of the said Corporation, for the better dis-

The Governors, or any Seven, to meet to treat of Business.

To keep Four General-Courts in the Year at least, in the four Quarterly Months.

Seven Governors (*Quorum* a Privy-Counsellor, a Bishop, and a Judge, or Queens Council to be Three) to make a General-Court, and do Business.

May call to their Assistance such persons as they shall think fit.

May appoint Committees, and Invest them with such Powers as they shall think fit.

diſpatching, and more eaſie managing and carrying on the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and the true intent and meaning of theſe Preſents; and to Inveſt ſuch Committees with ſuch Powers, as the Governors of the ſaid Corporation Aſſembled in a General-Court, or the Major part of them ſo Aſſembled ſhall think fit to Intruſt them with, purſuant to the Powers hereby given to the Governors herein before-named and conſtituted. And for the better effecting Our Will and Pleaſure in theſe Preſents declared, We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, Authorize and Command The Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, at their Firſt, or ſome other ſubſequent Meeting or Meetings of the ſaid Governors hereby Conſtituted, or ſo many of them as ſhall then meet and be preſent (of whom any One of the Privy-Council aforeſaid, for the time being, and any One of the Biſhops aforeſaid, for the time being, and any One of the Judges aforeſaid, for the time being, or of the ſaid Councel Learned in the Law, of Us, Our Heirs or Succeſſors, for the time being, We will ſhall be Three at the leaſt) to Conſider of, Conſult, Adviſe, Agree upon, Draw up, Prepare and Propoſe in Writing to Us, Our Heirs or Succeſſors, ſuch proper and neceſſary Rules, Methods, Directions, Orders and Conſtitutions, as the ſaid Governors, or any ſeven or more of them, as aforeſaid, for the time being, ſhall in their Diſcretions judge moſt convenient to be obſerved, for and towards the better Rule and Government of the ſaid Corporation and the Members thereof; And the Receiving, Accounting for, and managing all and every the Revenues hereby Granted or mentioned to be Granted, as aforeſaid, and all Arrears thereof; And alſo for and concerning the Diſtributing, Paying and Diſpoſing of the ſame, and all other Gifts and Benevolences that ſhall or may be Given or Bequeathed to the ſaid Corporation for the Charitable Ends aforeſaid, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy aforeſaid; And ſuch Rules, Methods, Orders, Directions and Conſtitutions as ſhall be ſo Propoſed, and ſhall be Approved, Altered or Amended by Us, Our Heirs or Succeſſors, and ſuch as ſhall be made by Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, and ſo Signified and Declared by Us, Our Heirs or Succeſſors, under Our or Their Great-Seal, We will ſhall be the Rules, Methods, Directions, Orders and Conſtitutions, by which The Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, and their Succeſſors, ſhall Receive, Manage, Govern, Apply and Diſpoſe Our ſaid Royal Bounty (and other Gifts and Benevolences which ſhall or may hereafter be Given or Bequeathed to the ſaid Corporation, where the Donors thereof ſhall not particularly direct the Application thereof, to and for the Increaſe of the Maintenance of ſuch Parſons, Vicars, Curates and Miniſters Officiating in any Church or Chapel within the Kingom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, where the Liturgy and Rites of the Church of England, as now by Law Eſtabliſhed, are and ſhall be uſed and obſerved, for whom a Maintenance is not already ſufficiently provided. And for the better enabling the Governors of Our Bounty aforeſaid, to perform Our Will and Pleaſure herein before-expreſſed, We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, Authorize and Require Our Keeper of Our Great-Seal of England now being, or the Lord High-Chancellor of England, or Keeper of the Great-Seal of England for the time being, upon the Requeſt of the ſaid Governors hereby Conſtituted, or any Seven or more of them (of whom any One of the Privy-Council aforeſaid, for the time being, and any One of the Biſhops aforeſaid, for the time being, and any One of the Judges, or of the Councel Learned in the Law, as aforeſaid, for the time being, We will ſhall be Three) to Iſſue out Writs of Inquiry under the Great-Seal of England, unto all and every or any the Counties and Cities in England, and Wales, to be directed to ſuch and ſo many Perſons as the ſaid Keeper of the Great-Seal of England, now and for the time being, or the Lord High-Chancellor of England, for the time being, ſhall nominate, aſſign or appoint, thereby authorizing and requiring them, or any Three or more of them, and giving them full Power and Authority, by the Oaths of good and lawful Men,

Governors to conſider of Methods and Orders for the Government of the Corporation, and managing the Revenue, to be approved or altered by Her Majeſty.

Lord-Keeper upon Requeſt of the Governors to Iſſue out Writs of Inquiry to find out the Value of Livings under 80 *l. per Annum*, their diſtances from *London*, which of them are in Market-Towns, and which not, &c.

Men, and by all other lawful Ways and Means to inquire and find out (and likewise the said Governors hereby Named and Constituted, and any Seven or more of them, are hereby Commanded and Authorized to inquire, find out, and inform themselves by all lawful Ways and Means, of the true Yearly Value of the Maintenance of every Parson, Vicar, Curate and Minister, Officiating in any Church or Chapel, within such Counties and Cities where the Liturgy and Rites of the Church of England, as now by Law Established, are or shall be used and observed, for whom a Maintenance of the Yearly Value of Eighty Pounds is not sufficiently provided, and the distances of such Churches and Chapels from Our City of London, and which of them are in Towns-Corporate, or Market-Towns, and which not, and how the several Churches and Chapels are supplied by Preaching-Ministers, and where the Incumbents have more than One Living, That some Course may be taken for Providing for the Augmentation of Maintenance, where the same shall be found necessary. And We do further hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Authorize and Require the said Governors, now and for the time being, or any Seven or more of them (of whom We will that any One of the Privy-Council aforesaid, for the time being, and any One of the Bishops aforesaid, for the time being, and any One of the Judges aforesaid, or of the said Council Learned in the Law, of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, be Three) from and after such Inquiry had and made, as aforesaid, to prepare and lay before Us, Our Heirs or Successors, a true State and Account of the Yearly Values of the Maintenance of all such Parsons, Vicars, Curates and Ministers aforesaid, and also of the present Yearly Values of the said First-Fruits and Tenths, and the Arrears thereof, hereby Granted for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy aforesaid; And also of all such Pensions, Payments or other Charges, as are now granted and payable out of the said First-Fruits and Tenths, by Letters-Patents or otherwise therewith charged, to the end, that the same being satisfied and discharged, Our said Royal-Bounty may be applied and disposed to, and amongst such of the Poor Clergy, the Augmentation of whose Maintenance will appear to be most necessary. And for the better managing, ordering and governing the Affairs of the said Corporation, We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Grant to the said Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy and their Successors; And do hereby Ordain and Appoint, That there shall be from time to time for ever, One able and sufficient Person to be nominated and chosen, as is herein after-expressed, who shall be, and be called Secretary to the Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, and who shall act and perform all such Matters and Things, for and on behalf of the said Corporation, as shall be found requisite and necessary to be executed and performed by him in such Office; And for the better Execution of Our Will and Pleasure in that behalf, We have Named, Constituted and Appointed, and by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do Name, Constitute and Appoint, Our Trusty and Welbeloved John Chamberlain Esq; to be the first and present Secretary to the Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the said Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, who shall continue in the said Office of Secretary, during the Pleasure of the Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy. And We do further by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Grant unto the said Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the Augmentatation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, and to their Successors, that they and their Successors, shall and may have One able and sufficient Person to be nominated and chosen, as is herein after-mentioned, who shall be, and be called Treasurer to the Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy; And also such Inferior Officers, Substitutes and Servants, as the said Governors for the time being, assembled in a General-Court, shall by a Majority of Votes, think fit to chuse and elect; Which Inferior Officers and Substitutes so elected, We Will and Ordain for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, shall continue in their

The Governors, after such Inquiry, to lay the Yearly Values of Livings under 80 *l. per Annum*, the Yearly Value of the First-Fruits, and the Payments thereout, before the Queen.

Governors to chuse a Secretary.

John Chamberlain Esq; appointed present Secretary.

Governours to chuse a Treasurer, and all other inferior Officers.

their ſeveral and reſpective Offices, during the pleaſure of the ſaid Governors, for the time being: And We have alſo Named, Conſtituted and Appointed, and by theſe Preſents for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, do Name, Conſtitute and Appoint Our Truſty and Welbeloved Edward Tenniſon Senior, Gentleman, to be the firſt and preſent Treaſurer to the Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, to continue in the ſaid Office of Treaſurer during the pleaſure of the Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy; And further We do by theſe Preſents for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, Grant unto the ſaid Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, and their Succeſſors, full Power and Authority from time to time, as often as it ſhall happen that any Secretrary or Treaſurer to the ſaid Governors, ſhall die, or be removed from his, or their reſpective Offices aforeſaid, or whoſe Office or Offices ſhall otherwiſe become void, to Elect and Chooſe by a Majority of Votes of ſuch Governors as ſhall be aſſembled in a General-Court, ſome other fit Perſon or Perſons into the Office or Offices of him or them who ſhall ſo die or be removed, as aforeſaid, or whoſe Office ſhall otherwiſe become void; Which Perſon or Perſons ſo to be choſen ſhall continue in his or their Office or Offices whereunto he or they ſhall be ſo Elected, during the Pleaſure of the Governors. Provided always, and We do by theſe Preſents for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, Ordain and Appoint, That the ſaid John Chamberlain and Edward Tenniſon herein before-named and conſtituted to be the Firſt and Preſent Secretary and Treaſurer to the Governors hereby Incorporated and their Succeſſors, and alſo every other Secretary and Treaſurer hereafter to be Elected, ſhall before they take upon them the Execution of their ſaid ſeveral Offices reſpectively, take their Corporal-Oaths for the Due and Faithful Execution of their ſeveral Offices, before any Seven or more of the Governors aforeſaid, for the time being, in a General-Court of the ſaid Corporation, who are hereby Authorized and Required to give and Adminiſter the ſaid Oaths from time to time accordingly. And the preſent Treaſurer, and every future Treaſurer, ſhall give ſufficient Security to the ſaid Corporation, for his Faithful Accounting for the Monies he or they ſhall receive by Virtue of the ſaid Office. And having no doubt that not only the Governors herein before-named and conſtituted, but alſo a great Number of other Our good Subjects will be diſpoſed to follow Our Example, and will with great Chearfulneſs and Readineſs, contribute to the further Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, We do by theſe Preſents, for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, Authorize and Impower The Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, to take, and receive from ſuch of Our good Subjects, as ſhall be Piouſly inclined to contribute to the Increaſe of this Our Royal Bounty to the Poor Clergy, all ſuch voluntary Gifts or Subſcriptions, of any Sum or Sums of Monies, Goods or Chattels, or of, or for any Eſtate or Intereſt in any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Hereditaments, or other matters or things whatſoever, which any Perſon or Perſons, Bodies-Politick or Corporate, ſhall be willing to Give, Limit, Appoint or Beſtow, for or towards the further Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy; And further to cauſe to be Collected and Received whatſoever ſhall be Given, Contributed, Bequeathed, Deſigned or Appointed for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, by the hands of the Treaſurer to the ſaid Corporation hereby Conſtituted, who ſhall be appointed to Receive the ſame. And to the end Our Royal Intention in the Premiſſes may be better known to Our Loving Subjects, We do hereby require the Governors herein before-named and conſtituted, or any Seven or more of them, to cauſe Publick Notice of this Our Royal Charter, or the Tenor or Scope thereof, to be made in ſuch Places, or by ſuch Ways and Means as the ſaid Governors or any Seven or more of them ſhall think moſt conducible to the furtherance of the Bounty and Charity aforeſaid. And further We do hereby, for Us,

Edward Tenniſon Senior Gent. appointed preſent Treaſurer.

Secretary or Treaſurer dying or removed, Governors to chooſe others in a General Court.

Secretary and Treaſurer to be Sworn for due Execution of their Offices.

Treaſurer to give Security for faithful Accounting.

Governors impowered to receive Gifts or Eſtates to the uſe of the Poor Clergy.

Governors to cauſe Publick Notice to be given of this Charter.

Governors to admit Benefactors, Members.

Our Heirs and Succeſſors, give full Power and Authority unto the Governors aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors from time to time, and at all times hereafter, to admit into the ſaid Corporation hereby Erected and Conſtituted, all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons who ſhall be piouſly diſpoſed to Contribute towards the further Augmentation of the Maintenance of the ſaid Poor Clergy, and the Advancing ſo good a Work, as the ſaid Governors in a General-Court of the ſaid Corporation ſhall think fit to admit, which Perſon or Perſons when ſo admitted in the ſaid Corporation, ſhall be, and be deemed, called and reputed Members of the ſaid Corporation, and from time to time ſhall and may Vote and Act in as ample Manner and Form, and have and enjoy ſuch and the ſame Powers, Priviledges and Authorities as other Governor or Governors of the ſaid Corporation herein before-named, may Vote and Act, Have, Enjoy and Perform by Virtue of theſe Preſents. And We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, Authorize and Impower the Governors hereby Conſtituted, and their Succeſſors, or any Seven or more of them (of whom any One of the Priv-Council aforeſaid, for the time being, and any One of the Biſhops aforeſaid, for the time being, and any One of the Judges, or of the Councel Learned in the Law, of Us, Our Heirs or Succeſſors, as aforeſaid, to be Three at leaſt) in caſe they ſhall find the ſame neceſſary for carrying on and perfecting the pious Intentions and Deſigns of this Our Royal Charter, by Inſtruments or Writings under the Seal of the ſaid Corporation, to Depute and Subſtitute ſuch Perſons as they ſhall think fit to Intruſt to take ſuch Subſcriptions, as aforeſaid, and to Collect and Bring in the Monies which ſhall be contributed, bequeathed, deſigned or appointed for the Ends and Purpoſes aforeſaid, to the Hands of the Treaſurer to the ſaid Governors, for the time being, and to diſplace or diſcharge ſuch Subſtitutes or Deputies, or any of them, and to Appoint others in the Place of them, or any of them, from time to time, as the ſaid Governors, or any Seven or more of them, (of whom Three or more to be ſuch, as aforeſaid) ſhall ſee cauſe; And alſo to ſettle, eſtabliſh and appoint ſuch Cheques, Comptrols and Orders, as they ſhall think neceſſary or ſafe for the full and due charging of the Treaſurer, and alſo the ſaid Deputies, and all and every other Perſon and Perſons whatſoever, who ſhall receive or be chargeable with any Monies or other Profits for the ſaid Charitable Uſe or Purpoſe, to Anſwer, Pay or Account for the ſame. And We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, Authorize, Require and Command the ſaid Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, from time to time to cauſe to be Entred in a Book, to be kept for that Purpoſe, the Names of the Perſons who ſhall ſubſcribe or contribute, give, deviſe, or appoint any Monies, or any real or perſonal Eſtate, or other Matters or Things towards this Charitable and good Deſign, with the Sums of Money, Goods, Chattels, Eſtates or other Things by them reſpectively contributed, given, limited, appointed or deviſed, To the end a perpetual Memorial may be made of ſuch well-diſpoſed Perſons who ſhall become Benefactors, as aforeſaid, and whereby the Treaſurer to the ſaid Corporation may be Charged with more certainty in his Accounts. And Our farther Will and Pleaſure is, and We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, give full Power and Authority unto the ſaid Edward Tenniſon, and the Treaſurer to the ſaid Governors for the time being, from time to time upon the Receipt or Receipts of any Sum or Sums of Money, or other Profits, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, or any of them, to give an Acquittance or Acquittances for the ſame, which ſhall be good and ſufficient Diſcharges to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever. And the ſaid Treaſurer for the time being, in his Receipts, Payments and Accounts, ſhall be ſubject to ſuch Inſpection, Examination and Comptrol, as the ſaid Governors for the time being, or any Four or more of them (whereof ſuch as are before-appointed for a Special Quorum, to be Three at leaſt) ſhall Eſtabliſh or Appoint. And We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, Grant and Declare, That theſe Our Letters Patents, or the Inrolment thereof, ſhall be

To grant Deputations (if neceſſary) to take Subſcriptions and gather Monies.

A Book to be kept with the Names of Benefactors.

The Treaſurer to give Aquittances upon Receipts of Mony.

Treaſurer to be ſubject to Inſpection and Comptrol.

be in and by all things Good, Valid and Effectual in the Law, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the same, and shall be Taken, Construed and Adjudged in the most Favourable and Beneficial Sense, and to the best Advantage of and for the said Corporation, as well in all Our Courts of Record, as elsewhere: Notwithstanding the not-reciting or not truly or fully reciting of any Act or Acts of Parliament, of or concerning the said First-Fruits or Tenths hereby Granted or mentioned to be Granted, or any Part or Parcel thereof; And notwithstanding the not-mentioning the true Yearly Value of the said First-Fruits or Tenths, or any of them; And notwithstanding any Non-recital, Mis-recital, Defect, Incertainty or Imperfection in these Our Letters-Patents contained, or any other Matter, Cause or Thing whatsoever. In Witness whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents: Witness Our Self at Westminster, the Third Day of November, in the Third Year of Our Reign.

The Letters Patents to be taken in the best Sense for the Corporation.

By Writ of Privy-Seal.

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